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GRA Contribution to the Semi-Annual Report to the President's Board
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I. Economic and Geographic Intelligence Production

B. Geographic

Special geographic intelligence studies were prepared in response to developments in several critical foreign areas. The viability of the mineral-producing provinces of the Republic of the Congo was assessed in a report for use in briefings of the Democratic Presidential nominee and the National Security Council. A more comprehensive analysis of the Congo for general reference use is now in reproduction. The geographic elements of growing security problems in South Vietnam were also dealt with in a study carried out during the period. Continued

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Priority effort, in coordination with Army and Air Force, continued to be applied to the verification of suspected missile sites in the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

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III. Dissemination and Utilization of GRR Products

B. Geographic Intelligence

An unclassified atlas of Soviet administrative maps was disseminated to the major private centers engaged in research on the USSR with the objective of aiding and stimulating such research to the net benefit of the U.S. intelligence effort. The volume also makes available to scholars map coverage of the USSR at a scale considerably larger than is currently available in atlas form.

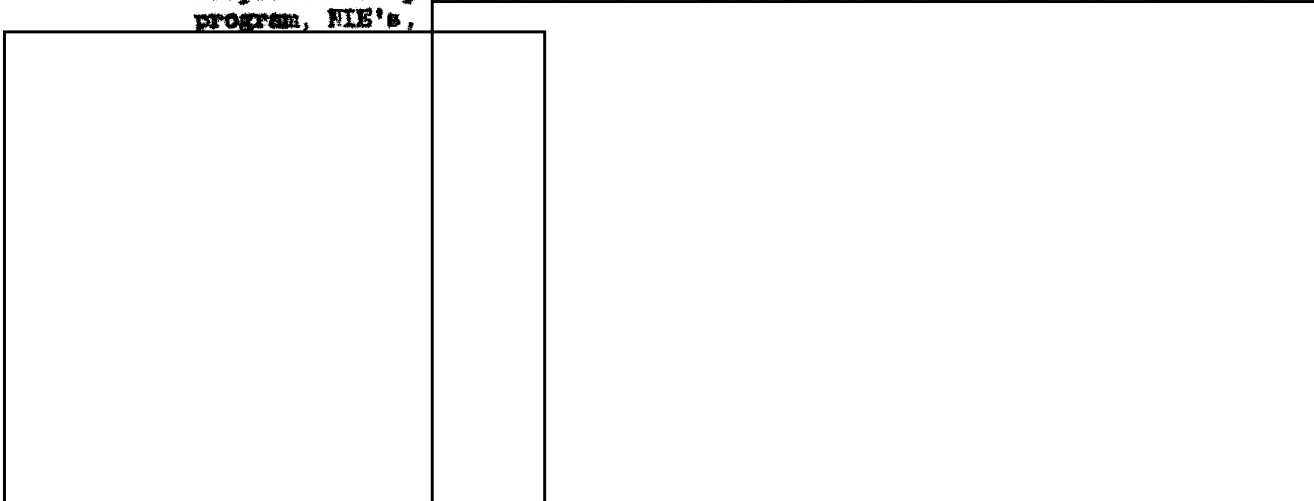


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Special briefings were provided to the Commander, North American Defense Command and his senior staff concerning Soviet activities in Antarctica, particularly in geodetic surveying which would make feasible the use of Antarctica as a mid-course guidance point in circumventing the North American early warning defense system. Special Antarctic maps were supplied to the U.S. Senate in connection with the ratification of the Antarctic Treaty.

Analyses of Soviet strategic interest in gravity data were incorporated in Department of Commerce studies to deny sales of superior Free World gravity meters to the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

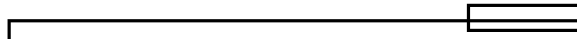
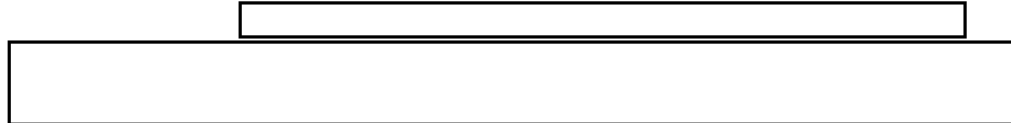
During the period of this report, 889 maps and charts were completed and published in intelligence publications. The NIS program, NIE's,



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B. Geographic Intelligence

A gratifying increase in inter-agency cooperation on Africa has developed as pressures in that area increasingly involve the United States. CRR's informal Africa Roundtable which provides opportunity for interested specialists to exchange ideas and information has now been broadened to include representatives of other

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concerned with Southeast Asia and the Arctic will be placed on a
similar inter-agency basis when desirable and feasible.

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